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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: EXPULSION OF PROFESSOR DEAK

1. IREX INFORMED DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 17 AND 18 THAT IREX HAS SECURED AGREEMENT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT MCGILL TO URGE ALL 85 U.S. INSTITUTIONS WHICH COOPERATE WITH IREX TO SUSPEND ALL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES WITH HUNGARY IF SATISFACTORY HUNGARIAN RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED SOON. APPEAL TO THESE INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE MADE BY MCGILL SOMETIME AFTER PROFESSOR IVO LEDERER RETURNS FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN TRIP, WHICH INCLUDES REQUESTED CALL ON ROSTA, PROBABLY MARCH AT EARLIEST. THIS PROPOSED UNITED ACTION BY UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND INSTITUTES WOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT IF LEDERER REPORT FAVORABLE.

2. DUE TO UNCERTAINTY WHETHER HUNGARIANS WILL GIVE SATISFACTORY REPLY TO DECEMBER 19 TELEX FROM IREX, AND TOO-
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UNIVERSITY IS SUSPENDING FURTHER WORK ON IREX-SPONSORED HUNGARY-U.S. CONFERENCE ON COMPARATIVE LAW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1974.

3. IF LEDERER NOT RECEIVED BY ROSTA OR DISCUSSION WITH HIM UNPRODUCTIVE RE DEAK CASE, SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL PLANS TO WITHDRAW IREX-ORIGIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 10 U.S. SCHOLARS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN INTER-

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SET FOR MAY 1974 IN HUNGARY. ACCORDING TO KASSOF, IF U.S. SCHOLARS WITHDRAW CONFERENCE ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL NOT BE HELD. IREX WOULD ALSO PLAN TO CANCEL SUPPORT FOR HUNGARY-U.S. MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED AT CORNELL UNIV. IN SUMMER 1974.

4. COMMENT: KASSOF WANTED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST EMBASSY TO PASS INFORMATION IN PARAS. 2 AND 3 TO ROSTA BEFORE LEDERER ARRIVAL BUT WE SAID WE WOULD ONLY INFORM YOU, SINCE WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE ROSTA MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PLANNING GRADUATED RETRIBUTIVE TACTICS TOGETHER WITH IREX. AMBASSADOR MAY, HOWEVER, WISH CONVEY PORTIONS OF FOREGOING PARAS. TO NAGY AT NEXT MEETING SO HE MAY BE MADE AWARE OF SIGNIFICANT, APPARENTLY LARGESCALE AND EXPANDING DISCONTENT IN U.S. ACADEMIC CIRCLES OVER DEAK EXPULSION AND FAILURE OF KKI TO RESPOND TO IREX COMMUNICATION ABOUT CASE. AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO WISH TO ASK NAGY TO URGE ROSTA TO MEET WITH LEDERER.

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